GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT DECLINE IN GARMENTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in export of readymade garments from India during the last six months;

(b) if so, the extent to decline during the period as compared to corresponding months last year; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to increase exports of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) As per latest available Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S) dataæxports of readymade garment during the period April-July 2003 have amounted to US$ 1593.0 million as compared to export of US$ 1758.7 million during the corresponding period of 2002, showing a decline of 9.4%.

(c) Government has been taking a number of measures to boost the textile exports including readymade garments. Some of the important initiatives are:

i) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of readymade garment from the SSI sector.It has also raised the SSI investment limit for knitted segment to Rs. 5 crores.

ii) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been made operational from 1-4-1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector.

iii) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%. Cost of machinery has also been reduced through Fiscal Policy measures.This further encourages modernisation.

iv) With a view to making fabric production competitive, the custom duty on shuttleless looms has been brought from 15% to 5%.

v) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.

vi) Facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories have been created to enable exporters to get the garments/textiles pre-tested for conforming to the requirements of importing countries.

vii) The Government has launched a centrally sponsored scheme titled `Apparel Park for Export Scheme` for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports.

viii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme `Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme` (TCIDS) has been launched.